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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

LEXINGTON, *March 7th*, 1870.

We have this day settled with A. W. Bryant, Collector of Taxes for 1869.

Amount of warrant committed to him by the Assessors, .	\$25,804 14
Discounts,	\$2,495 28
Abated,	175 60
Cash paid into the Treasury,	23,133 26
	<hr/> \$25,804 14

The Selectmen made a final settlement with Webster Smith, Collector for 1866. At his last settlement with the Selectmen, February 27th, 1869, there remained uncollected, \$22.98, all of which has been abated by the Assessors. The amount of uncollected tax charged to the Collector for 1868, has been abated by the town, by vote passed November 2d, 1869.

CHARLES NUNN,	} SELECTMEN OF LEXINGTON.
ALONZO GODDARD,	
WALTER WELLINGTON,	

SELECTMEN'S TREASURER'S REPORT.

LEXINGTON, *March 7th*, 1870.

The Selectmen have this day examined the accounts of A. W. Bryant, Town Treasurer, and find that he charges himself as follows:

Cash on hand at last settlement,	\$9,784 24
Borrowed of George Holden, to pay note,	2,300 00
For sales of liquor,	2 50
" " of gravel,	23 04
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$12,109 78

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$12,109 78
Borrowed in anticipation of taxes,	5,000 00
For rent of land,	20 00
A. W. Bryant, Collector 1869,	23,133 26
Cash of Committee on Town History,	55 75
State Treasurer, for Corporation Tax,	911 58
Income from School Fund,	167 78
“ “ Dog Law,	170 85
Borrowed for new road,	2,000 00
Income from hay scales,	32 12
For license,	5 00
Town History, by the hands of J. W. Hudson,	298 55
From Overseers of the Poor 1868,	7 61
Unexpended order—improvement Adams street,	38 00
From Overseers of the Poor 1869,	98 21
Town History, by the hands of L. G. Babcock,	25 20
State Aid,	471 50
Highway Surveyors,	7 13
	<u>\$44,552 32</u>

And he credits himself with having paid the following sums:—

Orders on Pauper Grant,	\$1,619 51
“ “ Highway,	2,757 66
Library,	110 00
State Tax,	4,425 00
County Tax,	1,801 41
Special,	3,546 57
State Aid,	502 50
School Grant,	7,982 15
Interest Account,	1,911 58
Notes paid,	6,700 00
“ “ for money borrowed in anticipation of taxes,	5,000 00
Contingent,	1,881 30
Geo. Talbot and others,	2,023 63
	<u>40,261 31</u>
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	\$4,291 01

The schools and other bills of the last year, not yet presented for payment, will absorb about \$3,000 of this amount.

The debt of the town March 4th, '69,	\$30,800 00
The debt of the town March 5th, '70,	28,400 00
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Decrease on town debt,	\$2,400 00

CHARLES NUNN,
ALONZO GODDARD,
WALTER WELLINGTON,) SELECTMEN
OF
LEXINGTON.

EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Paid W. H. Knight, teaching,	\$ 970 00
N. Childs, teaching,	459 00
Miss E. W. Stetson,	386 20
	<u>\$ 1,815 20</u>
Care of house,	\$ 80 18
Fuel and housing,	151 41
	<u>231 59</u>
Amount chargeable to School fund,	\$ 2,046 79

Incidentals.

Chemicals, 1.10; brush, 1.25; moving set-tees, 4.25,	\$ 6 60
Programmes and music for exhibition,	8 60
Shovel, 1.50; stationery, 3.00; mat, 5.00; diplomas, 12.00,	21 50
	<u>36 70</u>
Total expenses for High School,	\$ 2,083 49

WARREN SCHOOL.

Paid Miss A. A. Tufts, teaching,	\$ 183 00
Miss Russell, teaching,	168 00
	<u>\$ 351 00</u>
Care of house,	\$ 30 20
Fuel and housing,	55 20
	<u>85 40</u>
Amount charged to School fund,	\$ 436 40

HANCOCK SCHOOL.

Paid E. H. Tower, teaching,	\$ 1,155 00
Miss E. F. Stroelin, teaching,	256 60
Miss M. F. Smith,	71 50
Miss Patch,	106 40
Miss Davis,	202 00
Miss E. J. Spaulding,	46 40
	<u>\$ 1,837 90</u>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$ 1,837 90
Paid Care of house,	\$ 74 90	
Fuel and housing,	107 22	
	<u>182 12</u>	

Chargeable to School fund, . . . \$ 2,020 02

Incidentals.

Brush, 1.25 ; setting glass, 3.30,	\$ 4 55	
Mats,	10 00	
	<u>14 55</u>	

Total amount expended, . . . \$ 2,034 57

ADAMS SCHOOL.

Paid Silas Peabody, teaching,	\$ 1,375 00	
Miss M. B. Howe, teaching,	495 00	
	<u>1,870 00</u>	

Care of house,	\$ 55 00	
Fuel and housing,	75 25	
	<u>130 25</u>	

Amount chargeable to School fund, . . . \$ 2,000 25

Incidentals.

Holbrook & Wellington, brushes, ink, &c.,	\$ 7 66	
J. Gammell, cash paid for mat,	1 25	
	<u>8 91</u>	

Total amount expended, . . . \$ 2,009 16

FRANKLIN SCHOOL.

Paid Miss Underwood, teaching,	\$ 236 40	
Care of house,	\$ 44 00	
Fuel and housing,	46 30	
	<u>90 30</u>	

Amount chargeable to School fund, . . . \$ 326 70

Incidentals.

Repairing clock, 1.50 ; removing snow, 1.00,	\$ 2 50	
Erasers,	66	
	<u>3 16</u>	

Total amount expended, . . . \$ 329 86

HOWARD SCHOOL.

Paid Miss C. E. Bacon, teaching,		\$ 427 20
Care of house,	\$ 38 25	
Fuel and housing,	44 00	
	<u>82 25</u>	

Amount chargeable to school fund, . . . \$ 509 45

Incidentals.

W. Grover, setting glass and repairs,	\$ 5 96	
Broom, 25 ; erasers, 1.34,	1 59	
	<u>7 55</u>	

Total amount expended, . . . \$ 517 00

BOWDITCH SCHOOL.

Paid Miss Jackson, teaching,		\$ 315 20
Miss E. J. Norris, teaching,		108 50
		<u>423 70</u>

Care of house,	\$ 29 00	
Fuel and housing,	82 39	
	<u>111 39</u>	

Amount chargeable to School fund, . . . \$ 535 09

NO SCHOOL DESIGNATED.

Paid J. Gammell, cash paid for sundries,		\$ 13 70
J. W. Hudson,		1 71
●. Brown, painting,		26 75
H. Holmes, books furnished,		44 08
W. G. Hartwell, fuel,		16 62
Charles Tidd, cash paid,		6 50
D. A. Tuttle, labor,		3 37
		<u>112 73</u>

RECAPITULATION.

	Teaching, &c.	Incidentals.	Totals.
High School.....	\$2,046 79	\$36 70	\$2,083 49
Hancock School.....	2,020 02	14 55	2,034 57
Adams School.....	2,000 25	8 91	2,009 16
Warren School.....	436 40	.....	436 40
Franklin School.....	326 70	3 16	329 86
Howard School.....	509 45	7 55	517 00
Bowditch School.....	535 09	.....	535 09
No School specified.....	.....	112 73	112 73
		<u>Total.....</u>	<u>\$8,058 30</u>

EXPENDITURES FOR SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Holbrook and Wellington, tea and molasses,	\$ 2 65
A. Childs, groceries,	41 62
A. Childs, groceries,	21 00
Wm. Ham, Repairs on wagon, &c.,	6 25
Wm. Ham, repairs, &c.,	16 94
A. Goddard, tin ware,	11 60
J. P. Squire & Co., 1 barrel,	2 50
Lyman Lawrence, repairs on wagon,	2 75
L. F. Merrill & Co., 130 lbs. scraps,	3 50
L. Lawrence, repairs on harness,	2 12
L. Lawrence, harness and straps,	2 60
Perry & Eaton, 24 gallons soap,	4 00
H. Mulliken, 3 days' labor and paint,	11 00
H. E. Warren, crockery,	2 50
J. W. Pierce, 2 tons coal,	22 00
Perry & Eaton, 24 gallons soap,	4 00
W. M. Ashby, 343 feet boards and plank,	8 34
Barney McCaffrey, straw,	5 00
L. F. Merrill & Co., 242 lbs. scraps,	4 84
Jos. Richardson, sundries,	40 00
J. E. Hodgman, provisions,	89 45
Geo. S. Simonds, groceries and provisions,	35 53
J. W. Pierce, 1 ton coal,	11 00
Holbrook & Wellington, 10 gallons molasses,	6 50
Bradley C. Whitcher, groceries,	158 50
Bradley C. Whitcher, groceries,	11 00
Holbrook & Wellington, groceries,	71 98
S. H. Jones, expressing,	1 80
Mitchell & Nickles,	33 70
Hovey, Mead & Co., 50 lbs. butter,	18 00
" " beans and butter,	33 91
James S. Munroe, two swine,	30 00
J. K. P. Reed, 60 lbs. coffee,	6 30
L. B. Angier, ice,	8 95
Charles K. Tucker, whiffletree, shaft, &c.,	4 25
J. K. P. Reed & Co., 5 lbs. tobacco,	2 75
" " 10 lbs. tobacco,	5 60
Henderson Bros., wagon,	75 00
Lucius Angier, ice,	12 30
E. F. Rollins, 100 cards,	1 25
Charles Nunn, cash paid for mutton,	1 80
W. A. Lane & Co., one wagon,	31 00
Clinton Viles, groceries,	14 00
T. H. Pryor, M. D., medical attendance,	1 50
Nathaniel Flint, hay,	7 75
J. K. P. Reed & Co., 100 lb. codfish,	6 50
Perry & Eaton, 24 gals. soap,	4 00

Amount carried forward, \$ 899 53

Amount brought forward,	\$ 899 53
Paid George S. Simonds, cash paid for sundries,	119 67
C. A. Butters, groceries,	114 98
A. Goddard, lamps,	2 50
	<u>\$ 1,136 68</u>

Paid Highway Surveyors for 25½ days' labor at \$1.75,	\$ 44 63
" " " 17 days' labor of horses, at \$1,	17 00
	<u>\$ 61 63</u>

SUPPORT OF POOR OUTSIDE OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Town of Malden for supplies furnished Thomas A. Russell,	\$ 38 34
City of Charlestown, for support of Mrs. Maria Kenniston,	58 97
City of Boston, for support of Lydia Estabrook,	28 50
City of Lynn, to aid rendered L. A. Cutler,	65 00
Benj. Gleason, for board of Lydia Gleason,	52 00
A. P. Spofford, for board of Isaac Blodget,	91 00
B. C. Whitcher, groceries delivered to Mrs. Kelleher,	6 60
Patrick Reynolds,	15 35
Mrs. T. Desmond,	16 05
Mrs. Barry,	247
J. W. Pierce, coal delivered to Mrs. Kelleher, ½ ton,	5 00
Mrs. Barry, ½ ton,	5 00
" 1 ton,	11 50
Mrs. Desmond, 1½ tons,	17 00
Mrs. Crowley, 1½ tons,	17 00
Mrs. Gilman, 1 ton,	11 50
Mrs. McGrath, ½ ton,	6 00
A. Childs, groceries delivered to W. Estabrooks,	3 00
	<u>\$ 450 28</u>

OVERSEERS' SERVICES.

Charles Nunn, services,	\$ 30 00
Clerk and Treasurer,	20 00
horse and carriage,	5 00
Cash paid witnesses in Malden suit, and expenses on the same,	36 00
three days' services on same,	9 00
Alonzo Goddard, services,	30 00
three days' services in Malden suit,	9 00
horse and carriage to Malden three times and car fare,	8 10
Walter Wellington, services,	30 00
six days' labor,	18 00
	<u>\$ 195 10</u>

SUPERINTENDENT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Geo. S. Simmons, services, \$ 550 00

Number of inmates at Almshouse March 1st, 1869, 8; admitted during the year, 1; Number left, 1; Number died, 1; Number now at house, 7; Number of travelers lodged at Almshouse, from March 1, 1869, to February 28, 1870, inclusive, 87; Number of weeks board furnished inmates during the year, ending March 1, 1870, 357, at a cost of \$2.92 per week, not including interest on the cost of the farm, buildings and stock.

Total amount expended for support of Poor, including services of overseers, \$2,393.69.

VALUATION OF TOWN, 1870.

Real estate,	\$ 1,723,286 00
Personal estate,	531,545 00
Total,	\$ 2,254,831 00

STATE AID.

Paid Lydia Kinnaston,	\$ 48 00
Hannah O'Neal,	80 00
G. A. Page,	72 00
Mrs. John O'Neal,	16 00
Wm. Nicholson,	56 00
Thomas Burk,	45 00
James A. Mitchell,	49 50
Mary Manly,	96 00
Emily Earle,	40 00
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	\$502 50

EXPENDED ON ADAMS STREET.

Paid E. H. Wright, land damages,	\$ 15 00
Nathan Chandler, land damages,	32 00
A. G. Babcock, "	28 00
Geo. Simonds, Jr., "	24 00
Highway Surveyors, for labor,	162 50
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	\$ 261 50

EXPENDED ON INDEPENDENCE AVENUE.

Paid Mathew Gateley, laying wall 5 1-2 rods,	\$ 30 25
William Locke, labor and cement,	11 00
A. Childs, paid cash for moving fence,	5 75
Nath. Flint, for land damages,	35 00
Highway Surveyors, for labor,	111 00
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	\$ 193 00

EXPENDED ON WESTON STREET.

Paid Jesse Hanford, land damages,	\$ 20 00
Geo. W. Simonds, "	125 00
Highway Surveyors, for labor,	349 00
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	\$ 494 00

Paid Geo. Talbot vs. Town of Lexington,	\$ 1,873 63
Waldo Colburn, services,	150 00
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	\$ 2,023 63

HISTORY OF LEXINGTON.

Paid T. R. Marvin & Son, balance of bill,	\$ 208 61
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CARY LIBRARY.

Paid Jonas Gammell, cash,	\$ 110 00
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EXPENDITURES ON THE HIGHWAYS.

Paid Overseers of Poor, for 109 weeks' board of horses,	\$ 154 25
" " " for 120 days' work of men @ 1.75,	210 00
" " " for 110 days' work of horse, @ 1,	110 00
Patrick Myers, 139½ days, @ 1.75,	244 13
Daniel Sullivan, 147½ days, " "	257 69
Barney McCaffrey, 169½ days, @ 1.75.	293 13
Patrick Powers, 96½ days, " "	168 88
Patrick Keating, 148½ days, " "	259 88
Josiah Smith, blacksmith work,	22 00
John C. Blasdel, 175 loads gravel, @ 10c,	17 50
Nicholas Shay, 58½ days, @ 1.75,	102 38
Charles K. Tucker, wheelwright work,	22 25
Parker, Gannett & Osgood, ½ doz. picks, 10.50; 1 doz. pick handles, 3.00,	13 50
A. Childs, 1 bag meal, 2.30; 2 bush. oats, 1.50,	3 80
Amount carried forward,	\$ 1,879 39

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$ 1,879 39
Paid R. W. Reed, 78 loads gravel, @ 10c,	7 80
Wm. Brigham, wheelwright work,	21 00
Geo. S. Simonds, sundries,	8 55
Bogman & Vinal, $\frac{1}{2}$ doz. shovels,	8 00
Walter Wellington, 265 loads gravel at 10c,	26 50
Lyman Lawrence, repairing harness,	14 08
Gorham Jewett, covering stone,	2 50
Geo. S. Simonds, sundries,	4 90
Nath. Garmon, work on bridges	42 50
Patrick Curtin, 149 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' work, @ 1.75,	261 63
H. L. Simonds, pasturing two horses,	17 15
Harrison Pierce, 144 $\frac{3}{4}$ days, @ 2.00,	289 50
Nathan Fessenden, 170 loads of gravel, @ 7c,	11 90
" " stone,	8 00
Josiah Smith, repairing tools,	8 93
A. Childs, grain, &c.,	38 71
Nath. Pierce, 175 loads gravel, @ 5c,	8 75
" " 31 " " 10c,	3 10
G. W. Adams, 148 " " " "	14 80
Morris Hicks, brown mare,	250 00
Holbrook & Wellington, 4 bags meal, &c.,	16 75
Thomas Mullen, 8 days' work, @ 1.75,	14 00
Bradley C. Whitchee, grain, meal, &c.,	164 91
John A. Russell, repair of tools,	22 47
C. A. Butters, grain, tools, &c.,	78 07
Wm. Ham, repairing tools and shoeing horses,	49 45
" " repairing,	17 45
Charles Nunn, services as Highway Surveyor, 20 days, @ 3.00,	60 00
Charles Nunn, services as Clerk and Treasurer,	15 00
Alonzo Goddard, services as Highway Surveyor,	15 00
Walter Wellington, " " "	15 00
" " 9 days' labor @ 3.00,.	27 00
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	\$ 3,422 79

REMOVING SNOW IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH, 1870.

Paid Daniel Mullen, 2 days, @ 1.75,	\$ 3 50
Barney McCaffrey, 10 " "	17 50
Patrick Curtin, 2 " "	3 50
Patrick Powers, 7 " "	12 25
Nicholas Shay, 3 " "	5 25
Patrick Myers, 7 " "	12 00
Daniel Sullivan, 4 " "	7 25
Jerre Donavan, 4 " "	7 00
Daniel Harrington, 3 " "	5 25
Martin English, 3 " "	5 25
John Harrington, 1 " "	1 75
Thomas H. Rood, 3 " "	5 25
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$ 80 50

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$ 80 50
Paid A. N. Tufts,	5 25
Hugh Graham,	1 25
William Hartwell,	5 00
Stoddard & Roberts,	13 20
Abner Stone, man and oxen, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ days,	9 00
John Buckley, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ days,	3 00
Bart Mahoney, 1 " "	2 00
Alden B. Smith, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ days,	3 00
Abram B. Smith, " "	4 80
Michael O'Brien, 1 " "	1 75
Morgan O'Brien, 1 " "	1 75
Michael Hayes, 1 " "	1 75
Geo. F. Chapman, self and horse, 2 days,	7 00
Geo. Phelps, 2 days,	3 50
Peter Peters, 2 " "	3 50
Geo. Simonds, 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " "	3 07
Benj. Brown, self and horse, $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	2 00
Timothy Kenneen, " "	4 38
Edward Bannon, 1 day,	1 75
Thomas Cosgrove, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ days,	3 00
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	\$ 165 70

TOWN OFFICERS.

ASSESSORS.

Paid Joseph F. Simonds, services 38 days, @ 3.00,	\$ 114 00
cash paid for lock and express,	2 40
paid Kern & Shed, for list of mortgages,	8 10
horse hire,	10 00
copying valuation three times,	37 50
Blanks, 10.00; Books, 15.00,	25 00
Nathan Fessenden, services 24 days, @ 3.00.	72 00
Loring S. Pierce, 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ days @ 3.00,	64 50
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	\$ 333 50

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid Charles Tidd, services,	50 00
Jonas Gammell, " "	51 60
" " " Secretary, &c.,	10 00
John W. Hudson, services,	30 00
preparing annual report, postage stamps, &c.,	10 00
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	\$ 151 60

COLLECTOR AND TREASURER.

Paid A. W. Bryant, Collector and Treasurer for 1868,	\$ 270 00
A. W. Bryant, " " " 1869,	390 00
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	\$ 660 00

TOWN CLERK.

Paid L. A. Saville, services as Town Clerk for 1868,	\$ 40 00
L. G. Babcock, " " " 1869,	65 00
Registering 26 births,	5 20
" 34 deaths,	5 10
" 22 marriages,	2 20
Expressage and postage,	2 00
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	\$ 119 50

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Patrick Mitchell, oil,	\$ 5 75
Larkin P. Page, wood,	1 00
L. A. Saville,	1 45
D. Dow, expressing,	1 45
Chas. K. Tucker,	1 88
Lyman Lawrence,	1 75
J. W. Pierce, coal,	9 75
B. C. Whitcher,	3 40
John Peters, care of Hancock Engine,	30 00
Geo. Flint, " Adams "	30 00
Alonzo Goddard,	15 92
Adams Engine Co., rent of hall,	52 00
Isaac Buttrick, repairs of Engine House,	10 50
Engineers' services,	30 00
199 feet of hose for Adams Engine Co.,	204 97
couplings, &c., " "	24 00
James Boyd & Son, 250 feet of hose,	400 00
A. W. Ryan,	2 60
H. C. Stowell, crackers and cheese,	21 45
Daniel E. Pope,	10 59
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	\$ 858 46

RINGING BELLS.

Paid J. F. Ham, ringing bell 1 year,	\$ 35 00
J. L. Holbrook, ringing bell 6 months.	17 50
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	\$ 52 50

Paid O. W. Kendall, services as constable, care of town	
hall, &c.,	\$ 80 00
attending 32 funerals,	32 00
returning 34 deaths,	3 40

WILLIAM PLUMER, }
 GEORGE O. DAVIS, } AUDITORS.

CONTINGENT EXPENDITURES.

Paid Gershom Swan, 26 yards black boards,	\$ 19 50
L. A. Saville, cash paid for books and expressing,	24 93
O. W. Kendall, expenses in rearresting Joslin,	27 25
State Reform School—board of P. Reardon,	13 00
A. N. Tufts, 17 feet wood for library room,	17 71
Marion S. Keyes, services as librarian,	91 67
T. R. Marvin & Son, printing reports School Committee,	44 50
T. R. Marvin & Son, printing extract from laws,	35 00
J. W. Hudson, cash paid for ribbon, ink, &c.	1 70
Gershom Swan, repairs on Town House,	11 69
J. Merriam, lettering monument,	13 00
H. B. Davis, digging and stoning drain,	10 00
Elias Dupee, whitewashing Adams school house,	7 50
Joseph Davis, mowing burial ground,	10 00
F. M. Harrington, moving seats to Town Hall,	3 00
B. F. Locke, firing salute,	2 00
Jonas Gammell, cash paid for sundries,	26 62
Geo. Clark, wood pump,	20 80
Am. Powder Co., 3 kegs powder,	15 75
H. E. Warren, 18 yards flannel spool,	6 97
L. G. Babcock, auditing accounts for 1868 and 9,	30 00
L. G. Babcock, " " for 1867 and 8,	20 00
L. G. Babcock, stationery,	1 00
L. G. Babcock, lettering 10 guideboards,	15 00
C. K. Darling, half ream letter paper,	2 00
Caleb Rand, printing notifications,	20 75
C. Adair, rent of room,	50 00
T. R. Marvin & Son, printing Auditor's reports,	80 34
I. N. Damon, balance due,	100 00
C. Adair, rent of room for Assessors,	12 00
W. Read & Sons, 5 kegs powder,	22 50
Mrs. F. H. Kneeland, making 122 cartridges,	2 50
Mrs. M. S. Cutler, lumber,	21 89
F. M. Harrington, use of horse and carriage,	9 00
Charles Hudson, cash paid detective,	10 00
G. A. Somerby, services as counsel Malden suit,	356 20
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Amount carried forward,	\$ 1,155 77

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$ 1,155 77
Paid Charles Hudson, cash paid for book cases,	52 32
E. K. Smith, in settlement of suit,	95 00
J. W. Hudson, cotton cord,	1 75
O. W. Kendall, care of Town Hall, &c.	83 05
O. W. Kendall, distributing reports, putting up guideboards, &c.	49 72
O. W. Kendall, brush, \$2.62; cleaning rooms, \$5.00;	7 62
Oliver Brown, 2½ days on police duty,	7 50
H. B. Davis, services as special police,	30 00
B. C. Whitcher, wooden ware for schools,	10 10
A. Goddard, new stoves and repairs on same,	97 17
Samuel Sage, surveying,	7 00
I. N. Damon, insurance,	31 00
W. Locke, labor on school houses,	5 70
Charles Tidd,	12 60
State Reform School,	13 00
Charles Nunn, services as selectman, 25 days,	75 00
Charles Nunn, services 27 evenings,	27 00
Charles Nunn, horse and carriage,	13 00
Alonzo Goddard, services 10 days,	30 00
Alonzo Goddard, services 27 evenings,	27 00
Walter Wellington, services 8 days,	24 00
Walter Wellington, services 26 evenings,	26 00
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	\$ 1,881 30

THE CARY LIBRARY.

THIS important institution, whose origin was stated in the last Auditor's Report, has prospered during the past year. The number of volumes a year ago, was about 1,200, to which an addition of 505 volumes has since been made—188 volumes by purchase, and 213 by donation: 50 from Mr. Benj. DeForest, 153 by Charles Hudson, and 5 by the Farmers' Club. About 100 volumes have been selected from the Town archives and the old District School Libraries. Though some of the books thus obtained are not adapted to general reading, they are valuable as works of reference, and are what no public Library should be without. Some few pamphlets and periodicals have also been added; and we hope this department will be fostered, as affording some of the best specimens of popular literature, and a valuable record of passing events, which will increase in value from year to year.

The number of books in the Library, as reported by the Trustees, was in March last, 1,699, since which time considerable addition has been made. The number of volumes taken out of the Library the past year, was 12,465, showing that the Library is by no means neglected. The prospects of this free public institution are flattering. A commodious Library Hall, well fitted up with Alcoves, Shelves and Cases, with five thousand dollars added to the permanent funds of the Library by the generous lady who founded it, gives promise of its future prosperity. And if the citizens of the place duly appreciate the value of this institution, they can, without any burden to themselves, make the Library Hall the depository of rare books, works of Art, and historic relics, and thus render it an object of attraction to strangers, as well as of value to our own population.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

Relative to the care and custody of the Property and Funds of the Town.

Accepted by the Town, April 11, 1870, and ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Votes, with the Auditor's Report.

REPORT.

The Selectmen being agents of the Town to look after its general interests, desire to present to the consideration of the inhabitants of Lexington, their views relative to the care and custody of the property and funds of the Town. They are aware that public property is generally neglected, and that public officers are often remiss in their duty; and, while the present Board of Selectmen do not claim exemption from the infirmities common to their fellow-citizens, they believe that what they have to present to your consideration, may prove serviceable to themselves and other Town Officers, and subserve the best interests of the Town.

There must from the nature of the case, be more or less public property in the care of the different Boards of Town Officers, for which they should render an annual account.

The School Committee have the general custody of the school houses and other property connected with the schools.

The Overseers of the Poor have the care of the farm, stock, and all the other property appertaining to the Poor House.

The Highway Surveyors are intrusted with the tools and other articles used in repairing the roads. As these Boards are frequently changed every year, it is due to those who fill these offices from time to time, that they should know what amount of public property comes into their hands when they come into office, and it is due to their constituents to know what amount they leave when they go out. These ends, so desirable both for the officers and for the Town, can easily be obtained by Annual Reports, containing full inventories of the property when they respectively retire from office. Such Reports have for the most part, been partially made, though some years they have been totally neglected; but we

believe that they might be rendered more valuable by stating more particularly the condition of the property, and so enabling the Town, at the commencement of the year, to judge of the amount necessary to be appropriated to sustain each department of their business.

There is another public interest which, though it involves less expenditure of money, has been still more neglected—we allude to the Cemetery.

The Selectmen have been directed from time to time, to lay out lots, and fix a value upon each; the money thus assessed to be expended in improving and adorning the premises. At first these regulations were generally observed, and those who selected lots paid for them, and conformed to the regulations adopted. But, latterly, but little regard has been paid to any regulations, and some of the most desirable lots have been taken without making any payment. Some have gone further, and have invaded parts of the yard unappropriated, and taken off sods to fix their own lots. Nay more—some have gone into parts of the yard which had been graded by the direction of the Selectmen, and taken gravel to grade their lots, thus actually destroying the system which had been adopted. It is now perfectly obvious that some regulations must be adopted, or a state of disorder and confusion will ensue. Those who have taken lots and have not paid for them, should be invited to pay, and the sum so collected should be expended in improvements. Those who are in arrears are, it is presumed, willing to pay if they are called upon, the neglect being more the fault of officials than of the holders of lots. If those who have taken lots desire to see any improvements, or if the public generally wish to have a Cemetery conforming in any degree with the spirit of the times, they must insist upon some system which shall be adhered to by all parties.

But that department of our public affairs which relates to the safe keeping of the public money, is, perhaps, the most important to be guarded, as it offers the greatest temptation to fraud and speculation. The numerous examples of defalcations of which we have accounts, should admonish us to be watchful of the Treasury. The amount which passes through the hands of the Treasurer is over forty thousand dollars annually; and the union of the offices of Treasurer and Collector, has removed all checks which these

officers had upon each other. As the Treasurer is, from year to year, authorized to borrow money in anticipation of the tax, he may retain that money in his own hands for his own use, after the tax is collected, and thus subject the Town to the burden of paying interest on funds not wanted for public use. Or, as Collector, he may withhold the money from the Treasurer, and thus create a necessity for borrowing, when, in fact, he has a surplus in his own hands.

Though the Treasurer is expected to keep books which shall show at a glance the fiscal condition of the Town, it is difficult, if not impossible, to determine by the book in which the notes given by the Town are entered, whether the vote of the Town has been violated or obeyed.

The Treasurer is, every year, authorized to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, and though the very language would seem to imply that all such notes should be taken up in November, or early in December, when the tax is nearly all collected, and the Treasury is full, yet there is no evidence that notes thus given are paid at that season. In fact there is little or no evidence in the record, of the time of payment of these temporary notes. Nor do the records, as they have been kept, show whether the money borrowed is for a longer or shorter time; and there being, generally, no date of payment, it is impossible to say whether the interest account of the Treasurer, as exhibited for a few years past, is correct or not. Now these things ought not to be so. A little care in keeping the account of these notes would make the whole matter plain. If the nature or object of the loan were stated, distinguishing between the loans in anticipation of taxes, and the other and more permanent loans, and if the period to which the interest was paid were recorded, as it formerly was, the people could see whether their funds were safely kept, and no suspicion could attach to their fiscal agent.

It is due alike to the officers intrusted with the public money, and to the Town whose funds they hold, that full accounts be kept, and frequent exhibits be made. The Treasurer, therefore, should be required to keep a full record of the date of every note, the character of the loan, the rate of interest, and the time when the note is taken up. It should also be made the duty of the Selectmen, once a quarter, and as much oftener as they may think

necessary, to make a thorough examination of the books and accounts of the Treasurer, and see that the records are properly kept, and when the books show a balance in the Treasury, they should ascertain in what this balance consists, and whether it is available at any day when it may be called for. The Selectmen should make a record of the condition in which they find the fiscal affairs of the Town, and submit the same to the Town in their Report at March Meeting, and oftener if they deem it for the public interest.

It is also desirable that the Trustees of the Cary Library should submit their Report to the Town at the annual March Meeting, showing the condition of that institution, and how far it meets the wants of the inhabitants, with such information and suggestions as they may deem for the interest of the Library. They should also state the number of volumes added the past year—the number by gift, and the number by purchase. These several Reports would give a full view of our public affairs.

It may be asked whether there is any special reason for adopting rules more stringent in relation to our public officers, than those heretofore adopted. We answer that the rules we would recommend, are substantially the same as those which have been adopted from time to time, and practiced upon for a period, and then become neglected. We simply ask that these good old rules be revived, and the fact that there is no special case now before us, makes the present a suitable time to adopt good and wholesome rules and regulations. To carry out our views, and to bring these subjects distinctly before the Town, we present the following motions for their consideration.

By order of the Selectmen,

CHARLES HUDSON, *Chairman.*

VOTES.

Voted, To accept the Report of the Selectmen, relative to the care and custody of the property and funds of the Town, and that the Report and accompanying Votes be printed and circulated with the Auditor's Report.

Voted, That the School Committee shall from year to year submit a Report to the Town, at the annual March meeting, stating the con-

dition of the school houses and other property belonging to the schools, and the amount of appropriation, if any, necessary to keep the same in a good state of preservation. They shall also present an estimate of the amount necessary to carry on the schools successfully for the ensuing year.

Voted, That the Overseers of the Poor shall submit to the Town at the annual March meeting a full Report of their receipts and expenditures, together with an inventory of the property connected with the establishment, stating the condition of the buildings, stock, farm tools, &c., and whether any extra appropriation is necessary to keep the same in a good condition. They shall also state whether the property has appreciated or depreciated since their last Report; and the sum necessary to support the poor the ensuing year.

Voted, That the Highway Surveyors, in addition to their Annual Statement, shall make out a full and perfect inventory of all the tools and other property in their hands, with the condition of the same; and they shall also, early in the month of September, report to the Selectmen the amount of money expended up to the first of that month, with such vouchers as will show the actual condition of the accounts up to September 1st. They shall also in their Annual Report in March state the amount which they may deem necessary to keep the roads in the ordinary state of repair.

Voted, That the Selectmen shall take the general charge and superintendence of the Cemeteries; and determine the grades of the avenues and the lots; and make such improvements by planting trees in the avenues and around the borders of the Cemetery as they may think proper, provided they do not exceed the amount of money devoted to such improvements. They shall also designate and set apart such portion of the general enclosure as they may deem expedient for gravel to be used in grading the lots; the said gravel to be taken under the direction of the Superintendent of the Cemetery; and no person shall be allowed to take gravel in excessive quantities, and no lot shall be so graded or filled up as to interfere with the adjacent lots, or to obstruct the avenues or paths between the lots. Nor shall any two lots be united by one enclosure, without the consent of the Selectmen, as well as the owners of the lots respectively.

Voted, That the Sexton shall be deemed Superintendent of the Cemeteries, unless some other person be appointed by the Selectmen; and he shall, whenever directed by the Selectmen, collect whatever may be due on the lots taken; and hold the same subject to the order of the Selectmen; and the Superintendent shall annually, in the month of January, make a written report to the Selectmen, stating the number of lots taken the past year; the amount of money collected during the same period, the amount still due, and the names of the delinquents; which shall be embodied in a Report submitted to the Town by the Selectmen at the succeeding March meeting in each year.

Voted, That when the Selectmen shall have decided upon the grades of the avenues and lots, and shall have designated the

place where the gravel, sods or loam may be obtained, and the manner of taking the same, they shall inform the Superintendent by a written or printed notice of their decision on these subjects, that the same may be posted, or a copy handed to all the parties in interest. And it shall be the duty of the Superintendent to give immediate notice to the Selectmen of any violation of the Rules and Regulations of the Board, by taking sods, loam or gravel from any part of the yard other than that set apart for that purpose, to the end that legal steps may be taken to punish such acts of trespass, and so prevent their repetition.

Voted, That it shall be the duty of the Collector of Taxes to pay the money over to the Treasurer as soon as practicable after it is collected, so that the Treasurer shall have no occasion to borrow money to meet demands against the Town, when he, in another capacity, has the Town's money in his hands.

Voted, That the Treasurer shall keep a record of the amount and date of every note given by the Town, the name of the party of whom the money was borrowed, the object of the loan, the time for which it was borrowed, (distinguishing between money borrowed in anticipation of the taxes, and more permanent loans,) and the time when said notes respectively are paid. He shall also keep his books so posted up that they will show at all times the fiscal condition of the Town; and when the Selectmen shall desire to ascertain the exact state of the Treasury, he shall furnish them with the cash balance, or the Bank Book, as the case may be, so that they may have reliable evidence that the funds of the Town are safely kept, and are available at all times.

Voted, That it shall be the duty of the Selectmen once every quarter, and as much oftener as they may think proper, to examine the books of the Treasurer, to ascertain the condition of the treasury, and to see that all temporary loans are paid in due season; and that the funds of the Town are at all times available; and the Selectmen shall keep a record of these quarterly examinations, and report the result of the same to the Town in connection with their Report of their settlement with the Treasurer at the end of the year.

Voted, That the Trustees of the Cary Library shall submit to the Town from year to year, at the annual March meeting, a Report of the state and condition of the Library, specifying the number of volumes in the Library, the number added the past year, the number purchased and the number presented, with the names of the donors. They shall also state their receipts and expenditures; the amount of their permanent fund, and how it is invested, with such suggestions as they may deem for the interests of the institution.

A true copy of Record.

Attest,

LEONARD G. BABCOCK, *Town Clerk.*

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN LEXINGTON,

From January 1, 1869, to January 1, 1870.

DATE.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
Jan. 19....	{ Edward E. Batchelder.....	Boston.
	{ Hattie L. Whitcher.....	Lexington.
" 24.....	{ Thomas Burke.....	Concord.
	{ Rose Burns	"
Feb. 9.....	{ William Goepper.....	Charlestown.
	{ Philippina Balge	Lexington.
" 17.....	{ George H. Cutter	Arlington.
	{ Abbie M. Parker	Lexington.
March 24.....	{ Michael Magan	Lexington.
	{ Mary Donnellan	Arlington.
" 30.....	{ John Francis Maynard.....	Lexington.
	{ Julia C. Abbey	Middlebury, Vt.
April 7.....	{ Charles H. Lowe.....	Bedford.
	{ M. Addie Goodwin.....	"
" 14.....	{ Samuel Dudley, Jr.	Lexington.
	{ Emily F. Brown	Lincoln.
May 9.....	{ James Casey	Lexington.
	{ Kate Gallivan.....	"
" 9.....	{ John Harrigan	Boston.
	{ Mary A. Gilman	Lexington.
" 9.....	{ John M. Davis	Boston.
	{ Catharine J. Connelly	"
June 6.....	{ Patrick Coady	Lexington.
	{ Bridget Stackpole.....	"
" 15.....	{ Sylvester Puffer.....	Lexington.
	{ Mary A. Richardson.....	Salem.
July 11.....	{ John Curry.....	Lexington.
	{ Mary Ayers	"
Aug. 10.....	{ Benjamin Wyman	Osceola, Fla.
	{ Mary C. Puffer	Lexington.
" 28.....	{ James Craven	Lexington.
	{ Mary Keating	"

DATE.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
Sept. 15.....	{ George L. Pierce	Lexington.
	{ Sarah J. Houscon	"
" 15.....	{ James E. Patch.....	Lynn.
	{ Ellen A. Davis	Lexington.
Oct. 12.....	{ George H. Wadleigh	United States Navy.
	{ Clara Elizabeth Robinson	San Francisco, Cal.
" 21.....	{ Henry W. Peabody	Waltham.
	{ Clara Cutler.....	Lexington.
" 24.....	{ Lewis H. Gossom	Lexington.
	{ Sarah J. Burbank.....	Somerville.
Nov. 12.....	{ John Henry Town.....	Plattsburg, N. Y.
	{ W. Ernestine Crone.....	Lexington.
" 18.....	{ Alonzo Austin Goddard.....	Lexington.
	{ Abbie Josephine Fiske	Boston.

Whole number of Marriages23

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN LEXINGTON,

From January 1, 1869, to January 1, 1870.

Whole number, 26:—Males, 12; Females, 14.

THE BIRTHPLACES OF THE PARENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

In Lexington	7
Other towns in the State.....	10
Maine	4
Vermont.....	2
New Brunswick.....	1
England	4
Scotland	2
Portugal.....	1
Ireland	18

DEATHS REGISTERED IN LEXINGTON,

From January 1, 1869, to January 1, 1870.

DATE OF DEATH.	NAMES.	AGE.			PLACE OF DEATH.	PLACE OF BIRTH.
		Years.	Months.	Days.		
Jan. 13 . .	Samuel Greene Thayer	34	2	21	Lexington . .	Boston,
" 16 . .	Lydia Page	86	. .	. .	" . .	Duniston, Vt.
Feb. 5 . .	William Winning	24	2	. .	" . .	Billerica.
" 19 . .	Eddie Fiske	8	6	15	" . .	Boston.
" 19 . .	Sarah Reed	87	7	19	" . .	Lexington.
" 21 . .	Cynthia Smith	78	3	. .	" . .	Gardner.
March 24 . .	Emeline Merriam	68	7	8	" . .	Lexington.
April 24 . .	Timothy Desmond	40	. .	. .	Arlington . .	Ireland.
" 28 . .	Mary A. Smith	30	4	. .	Lexington . .	"
May 1 . .	Timothy Reardon	3	4	. .	" . .	Lexington.
" 7 . .	Augusta B. Saunders	30	7	13	Saugus . .	Boston.
" 7 . .	Joseph Reardon	6	3	. .	Lexington . .	Lexington.
" 22 . .	James Hastings	71	6	. .	" . .	Lincoln.
" 25 . .	Carrie Wheeler	6	2	. .	" . .	Lexington.
" 26 . .	Henry Otto Johana Balge	64	10	14	" . .	Germany.
" 29 . .	Sarah Fiske	63	4	. .	" . .	Billerica.
June 6 . .	Deborah Brown	78	2	18	" . .	Pelham, N.H.
" 13 . .	Bowen Harrington	65	10	. .	" . .	Lexington.
" 15 . .	Jacob Robinson	78	2	. .	" . .	"
" 27 . .	Henry L. Comely	2	. .	23	Boston . .	Boston.
July 2 . .	Nabby Pierce	74	. .	5	Lexington . .	Lexington.
" 15 . .	Abigail Pierce	63	5	4	" . .	Waltham.
" 15 . .	James Casey	58	. .	. .	" . .	Ireland.
" 18 . .	Sally W. Bryant	91	4	. .	" . .	Ashburnham.
Aug. 8 . .	John Cosgrove	85	. .	. .	" . .	Ireland.
" 9 . .	Charles Walter Wellington	15	10	. .	" . .	Lexington.
" 11 . .	Sally Fisher Stimson	82	5	. .	" . .	Westboro'.
" 22 . .	Charles E. Davis	42	11	22	" . .	Princeton.
Oct. 2 . .	Lizzie F. Brown	21	7	14	Roxbury . .	Lexington.
" 19 . .	Thomas Gould, Jr.	61	8	. .	Lexington . .	Boston.
" 23 . .	Lucy Locke	88	. .	. .	" . .	"
Dec. 3 . .	Helen Canfield . . . . .	. .	. .	18	" . .	Lexington.
" 5 . .	Peter Wellington	88	6	14	" . .	"
" 26 . .	Elizie R. McIntire	21	2	. .	" . .	Melrose.

Whole number, 34:—Males, 17; Females, 17.



Deaths by Consumption	7	Amount brought up	26
" Dropsy	4	Deaths by Liver Complaint	2
" Scarlet Fever	4	" General Debility	1
" Old Age	5	" Cancer	1
" Bowel Complaints	3	" Acute Bronchitis	1
" Accident	1	" Suddenly	1
" Diabetes	1	" Unknown	2
" Whooping Cough	1		
Amount carried up	26	Total	34

Compiled from Town Records.

LEONARD G. BABCOCK, TOWN CLERK.